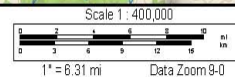


**Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Board Tour
June 4, 2008**

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- 12:00** **Meet at Intermountain Fair Grounds – Front of Ingram Building**
Greeting and Introduction by Executive Officer Jim Branham
- Overview of Projects and Tour Theme (Map & Description Attached)**
Mt. Lassen Area Staff
- 1:00** **Depart for Project Sites**
(Go to Bus Location)
- 1:15** **Depart for Day Lassen Fuels Project**
Tom Esgate, Lassen County Fire Safe Council
- 1:30** **On Site at Day Lassen Fuels Project**
(30 minutes)
- 2:00** **Depart for Butte Creek Fuels**
Tom Esgate, Lassen County Fire Safe Council
Partnership Representatives
- 2:40** **On site Butte Creek Fuels Project**
(30 minutes)
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- 3:45** **Lower Ash Creek Restoration Planning Project****
Todd Sloat, Pit River RCD
Regional Representative, CDFG
Wildlife Management Area Staff
- 5:15** **Return to McArthur – Intermountain Fair Grounds**
- 5:30** **Reception for Board and Guests***
Hosted by Lassen County Cattlemen
(Grass area behind Ingram Building – Intermountain Fair Grounds)

***Dinner following reception at Intermountain Fair Grounds**

**** Restroom Available**



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Day Lassen Bench Wildland Urban Interface Fuel Reduction & Watershed Restoration Project

Day Lassen Bench & Lassen County Fire Safe Councils

Project Partners: Sierra Nevada Conservancy, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Lassen, Shasta & Modoc County Resource Advisory Committees, Fall River RCD, California Fire Safe Council, Cal Fire, Lassen County.

The Project began in 2003 when the partners developed a Fire Safe/Community Wildfire Protection Plan and NEPA/CEQA document covering 3,150 acres. Fuel reduction activities began in 2004 and 1,500 acres have been treated to date. Treatments include thinning of mix conifer forest using conventional logging equipment with biomass utilization of the removed material as fuel for electrical generation. Mastication treatments are also done in brush fuels. The tour will see shearing and chipping in progress and previously completed work.

Butte Creek Watershed Restoration and Wildland Urban Interface Fuel Reduction Project

Cooperative Sagebrush Steppe Restoration Initiative (CSSRI)

Project Partners: The principal CSSRI partners are the Pit Resource Conservation District, Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. and the Susanville Indian Rancheria. Other funding and supporting partners include: U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Burney Forest Power, Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee, California Fire Safe Council, Central Valley Water Quality Control Board, Cal Fire and Lassen & Modoc Counties.

The CSSRI focus is the restoration of sagebrush steppe and associated eastside pine biomes that have declined due to the expansion of western juniper. They began their initiative in 2005 when they were awarded one of eight NRCS national planning grants. Ten site specific plans and a 2.2 million acre general plan were completed. In 2006 CSSRI was awarded a \$500,000 NRCS Conservation Innovative Grant, which has since been leveraged, with the help of \$152,000 in Sierra Nevada Conservancy funds, to \$3.3 million dollars.

Butte Creek is one of eight current CSSRI projects. It was completed in December of 2007. 550 acres were treated through shearing, chipping and biomass utilization of removed material. Cal Fire Intermountain Conservation crews assisted with hand treatments along water courses and in aspen groves. The tour will see completed work and adjacent land that has not been restored.

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LOCATIONS and DIRECTIONS

Intermountain Fair Grounds

44218 A Street
McArthur, California

Spinner Falls

McArthur Road (A-19)
Fall River Mills

Hi Mont Hotel

Hwy 299 (Corner of Bridge St. & 299 E.)
Fall River Mills, CA 96028